

Detailed ECS Notes from 01/28/2022

Report from the Chair

- *On Faculty Forums:* Dates for winter faculty forums on shared governance are Tuesday February 22, 10:30-12:00 and Wednesday February 23, 2:30-4:00.
- *On the Theme of 2021-2022 Senate Newsletter:* The theme is *Adapting to Change and Reaching Higher Together*. The deadline to submit an article and photo is March 28, 2022. All faculty are invited to submit an article on what adapting to change and reaching higher together means to them.
- *On the Provost Interviews:* The campus interviews are now concluded. The search committee will review feedback surveys, discuss the strengths and areas of growth of each finalist and make a recommendation to the President.
- *On the Next UAS Meeting of February 4:* The agenda contains the following items: Update on the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Review Discussion; Faculty Salary and Budget Committee (FSBC) Memo on Review of Phased Retirement; Graduate Council (GC) Memo on Policy Change to Admissions Requirement; General Education Committee (GEC) Memo on Leadership and Succession Planning; Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC) Memo on 12-Month Faculty; and Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo on Graduation Honors Policy.

Report from the Provost

- *On the LMS System:* The data-management that the current LMS (Blackboard) provides is needed for accreditation for some programs. Canvas may provide this at some point in the future, but currently does not. GVSU will maintain the current Blackboard contract until 2024. In 2024, the transition to either Blackboard Ultra or Canvas will begin. An email will be sent about this within the next week or so.

Report from the Student Senate President

- *On the State of the Student Body:* Thank you to those who attended. The recording will be available on the Student Senate website.

New Business

- *On Discussion with the External Investigators on the Title IX Independent Investigation Final Report:* ECS met with and asked questions of the external reviewers of Title IX. The reviewers will meet with UAS on February 11, 2022. Because of the importance of this meeting, and the need to make sure senators have their questions answered, the initial plan of having an hour-long ECS meeting followed by an hour-long UAS meeting has been changed. The meeting of February 11 will be only a UAS meeting from 3:00-5:00. The reviewers indicated that the scope of their investigation was provided by the University. They proceed as neutral fact-finders, without favoring either side. They were not asked to expand the scope of the investigation after ECS/UAS provided recommendations about the scope, but ECS members found that most of what had been requested was covered by the report.
- *On Laker Impression of Faculty Teaching-Management Committee (LIFT-MC) Response to the Equity in Personnel Processes Task Force Recommendations:* These recommendations will be sent to the Faculty Personnel Policy Committee (FPPC).
- *On University Assessment Committee (UAC) Memo on the Recommendations from the Pre-major and Service Course Task Force:* Information was shared about encouraging units to use assessment data from courses other than capstones. The report was accepted unanimously. No further action was needed, as this is already happening.
- *On FPPC Memo on 12-Month Faculty Charge:* A change was made in the requirement for permission from the unit head at the beginning of the academic year to use vacation time during instructional time. The proposed language requires permission as soon as possible, recognizing that planning a year in advance may not be feasible in some cases. Unanimously supported with recommendation to UAS.
- *On Academic Policies and Standards Committee (APSC) Memo on 58-Credit Rule:* No change to the 58-Credit Rule was recommended, so no further action is needed.
- *On APSC Memo on Graduation Honors Policy:* Recommendation to change the requirements for graduation honors from above the previous year's 90th percentile for magna *cum laude*, above the previous year's 95th

percentile for *magna cum laude* and 4.0 for *summa cum laude* to 3.5-3.749 for *cum laude*, 3.750-3.899 for *magna cum laude*, and 3.9-4.0 for *summa cum laude*. Unanimously supported with recommendation to UAS.